Asia: Monthly Climate Outlook January to October

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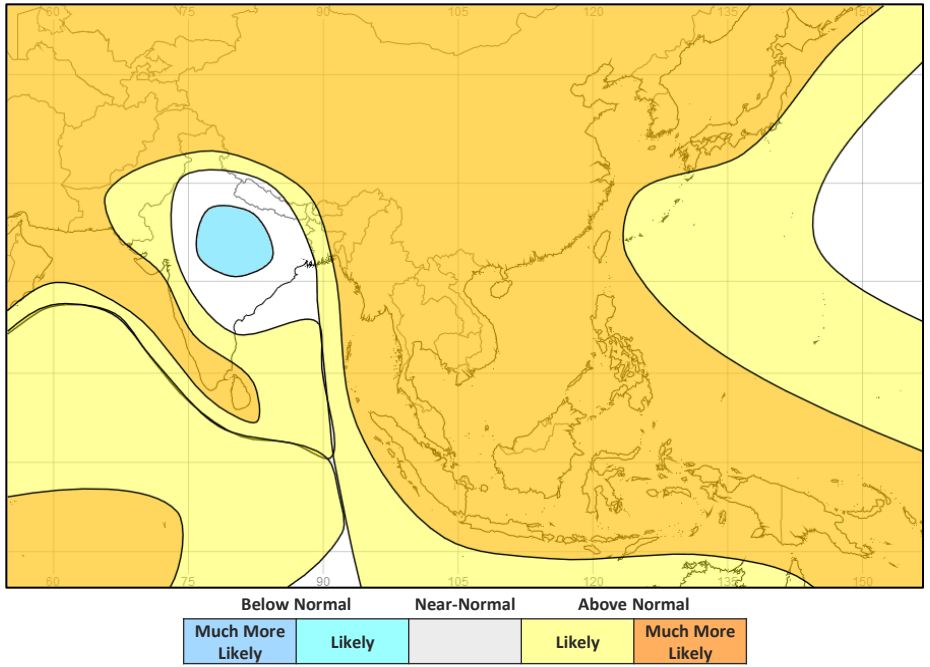
Asia Current Status and Outlook - Temperature

Current Status: Parts of Vietnam experienced below normal temperatures over the last three months. Temperatures were also below normal across parts of Indonesia during January and March. Otherwise, above normal temperatures were experienced for most areas.

Outlook: Warmer than normal conditions are likely or very likely across most areas increasing the risk of heatwaves and heat-related impacts. The main exception over parts of India where below normal is likely due to a forecast for a wetter than normal monsoon.

3-Month Outlook May to July - Temperature



Asia Current Status and Outlook - Rainfall

Current Status: Many parts of maritime Southeast Asia were wet or very wet between January and March while conditions were mixed over the rest of South and East Asia.

Central Asia typically has a peak in precipitation during January and March. Here conditions were mixed with northern Afghanistan wet or very wet during January and February.

Outlook: Wetter than normal conditions are likely across India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan as well as parts of China, eastern parts of Indonesia and the Philippines. Across southern parts of mainland Southeast Asia and northwestern Indonesia, below normal conditions are likely. Below normal rainfall is also likely over Central Asia though this period sees the climatological transition to the dry season.

Tropical cyclones

North Indian Ocean: Activity tends to peak during May and June before another increase in activity later in the year – associated with the advance and retreat of the South Asian monsoon.

Northwest Pacific: Tropical cyclones can form throughout the year in this basin though activity tends to peak between July and October. Latest forecasts suggest near normal activity over the coming months.

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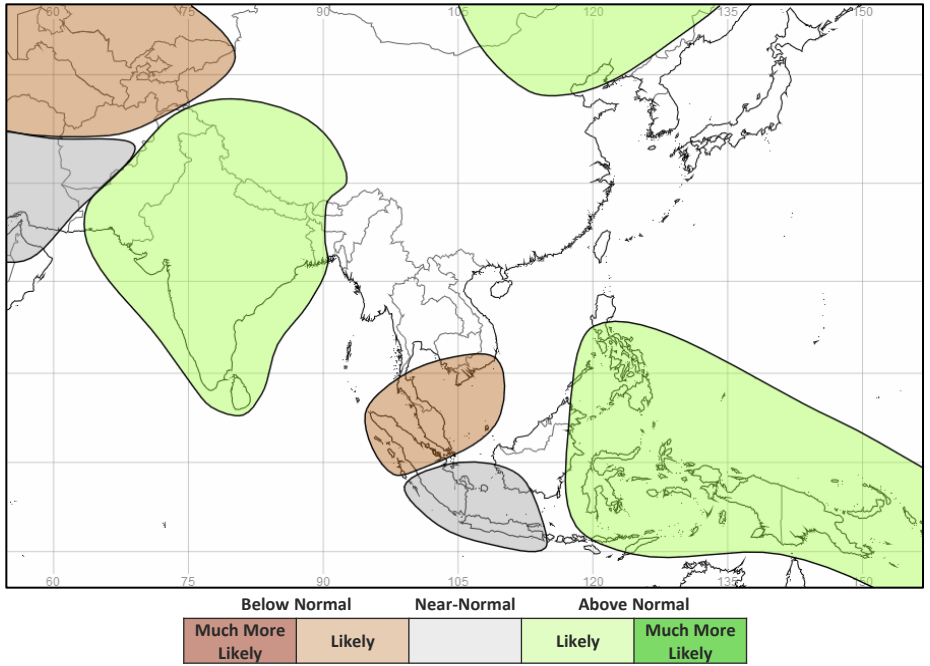

Global Outlook - Temperature

Outlook:

ENSO is now neutral and will have minimal influence on global temperatures through this period.

Consistent with a warming climate, nearly all land areas are likely or very likely to experience warmer than normal conditions through the next three months.

The main exceptions over parts of Africa and southern Asia owing to likely active monsoon seasons.

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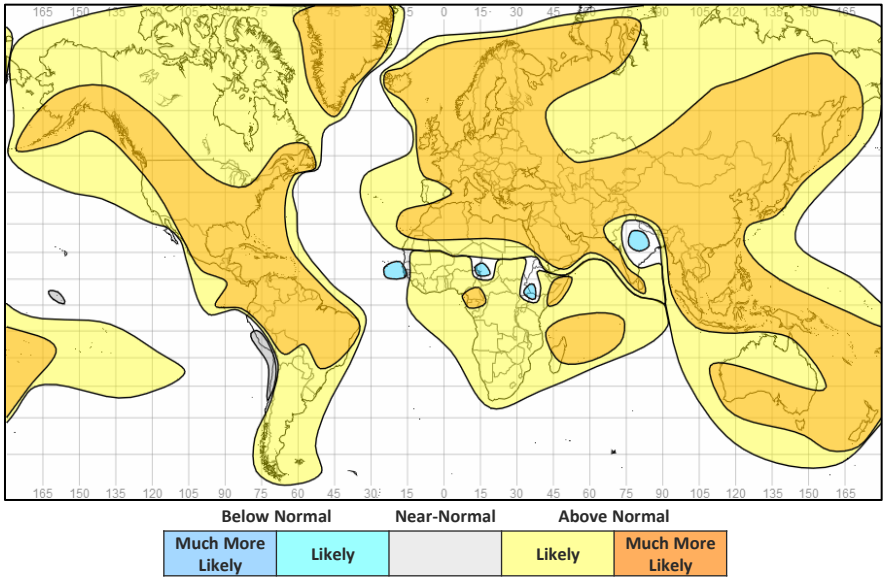

Global Outlook - Rainfall

Outlook:

El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) – Following the recent La Niña, sea surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific have returned to around normal with ENSO now in a neutral state. ENSO is very likely to remain neutral through the next three months and therefore will provide limited influence as a driver of global weather patterns.

More information on typical impacts can be found here:
https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/seasonal-to-decadal/gpc-outlooks/el-nino-la-nina/enso-impacts

Indian Ocean Diploe (IOD) – The IOD is currently neutral and therefore will provide limited predictive value through this period. However, sea surface temperatures are currently widely above normal over the Indian Ocean, this probably a factor driving the increased likelihood of a wetter than normal South Asian monsoon.

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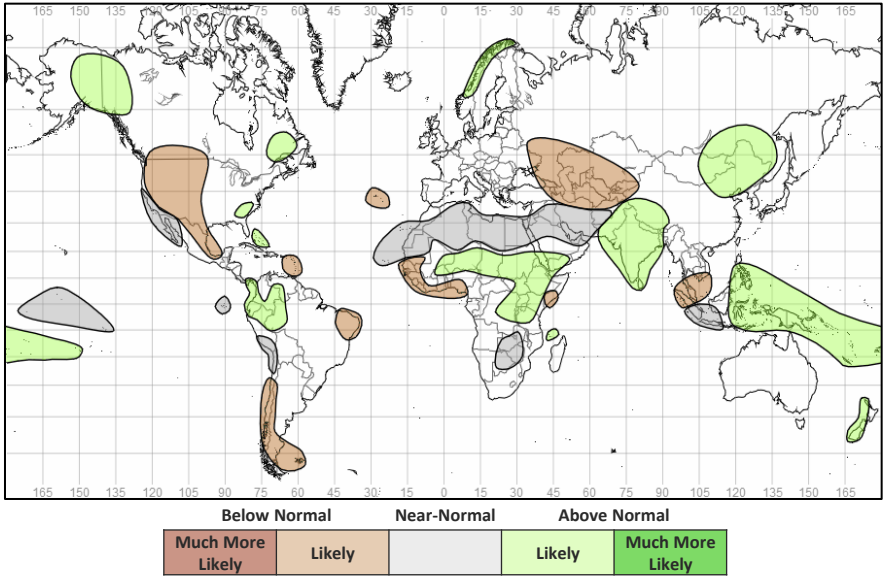

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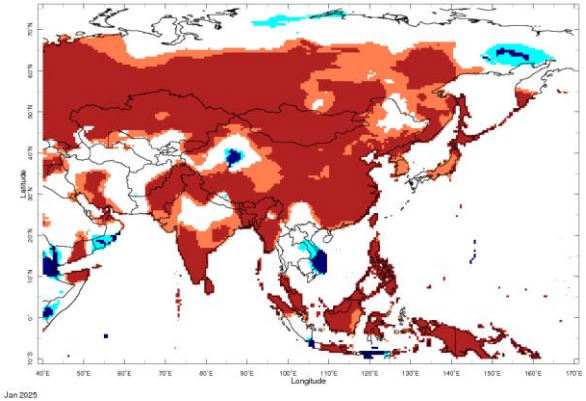
Current Status – Temperature percentiles



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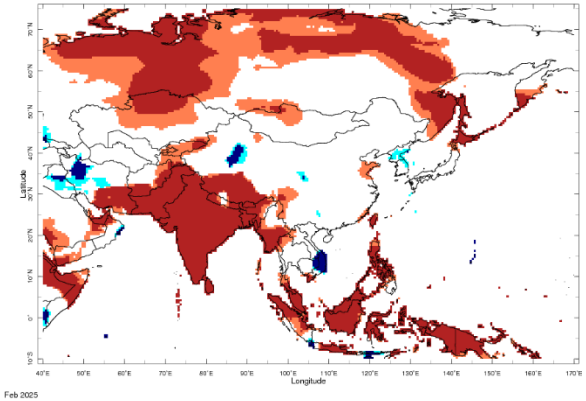

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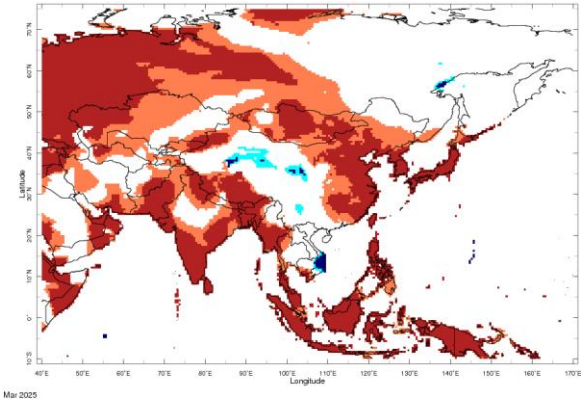
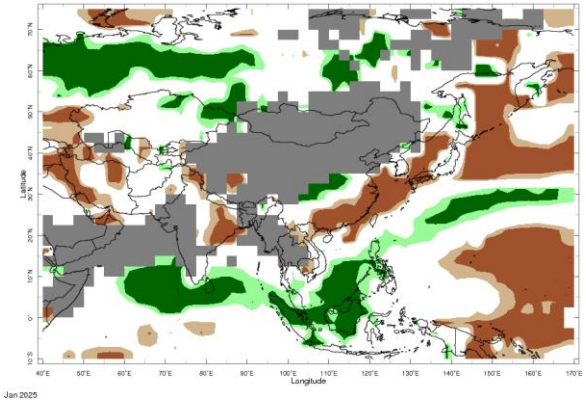


March

Notes: The percentiles shown in the map indicate a ranking of temperature, with the 0th percentile being the coolest and the 100th percentile being the warmest in the 1981-2010 climatology. Orange and red shading represent values above the 80th (Warm) and 90th (Hot) percentile, respectively; regions shaded in light and dark blue indicate values below the 20th (Cool) and 10th (Cold) percentile, with respect to the 1981-2010 climatology. The data used in this map are from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center.

Current Status – Precipitation percentiles



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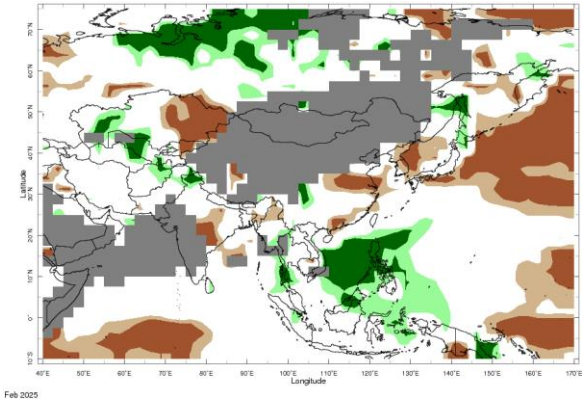

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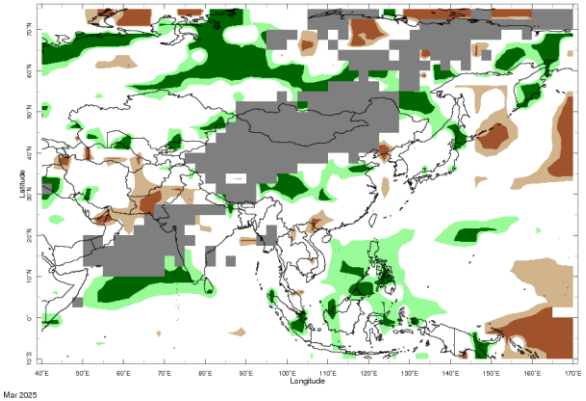

March

Notes: The percentiles shown in the map indicate a ranking of rainfall, with the 0th percentile being the driest and the 100th percentile being the wettest in the 1981-2010 climatology. Green and dark green shading represent values above the 80th (Wet) and 90th (Very Wet) percentile, respectively; regions shaded in light and dark brown indicate rainfall below the 20th (Dry) and 10th (Very Dry) percentile, with respect to the 1981-2010 climatology. Grey areas on the map mask out regions that receive less than 10 mm/month of rainfall on normal in the 1981-2010 climatology for the month. The data used in this map are from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center.

Current Status – Central Asia

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	January	February	March	January	February	March
Afghanistan	Normal (1)	Normal (1)	Normal (1)	Normal	Mixed (3)	Dry
Tajikistan	Normal	Warm	Warm	Normal	Normal	Normal
Kyrgyzstan	Normal (2)	Warm	Warm (2)	Dry	Dry	Mixed (4)

Notes:

The table gives an assessment of whether temperature and rainfall across each country have been above normal, normal or below normal over the past three months, using data from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center and the IRI Map Room: http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/.

* Region usually experiences less than 10mm/month rainfall during the month (dry season).

Additional Information:

(1) Note: Hot in the far east
(2) Note: Hot in the east
(3) Note: Wet in the northeast, else normal
(4) Note: Very wet in the northwest, else normal

Current Status – Southern Asia

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	January	February	March	January	February	March
Pakistan	Hot	Hot	Hot	Normal	Normal	Dry
India	Hot	Hot	Warm	Normal (2)	Normal (2)	Mixed (3)
Nepal	Mixed (1)	Hot	Warm	Normal	Normal	Wet
Bangladesh	Hot	Hot	Hot	Normal*	Normal	Normal
Sri Lanka	Hot	Hot	Hot	Very Wet	Wet	Wet

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Additional Information:

(1) Note: Normal in the west, hot in the east
(2) Note: Dry or very dry in parts of the east
(3) Note: Wet in parts of the south, dry in parts of the northwest, else normal

Current Status – Southeast Asian Peninsula

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	January	February	March	January	February	March
China	Hot	Normal	Mixed (6)	Mixed (2)	Mixed (2)	Mixed (5)
Myanmar	Hot (3)	Hot	Hot	Normal*	Mixed (4)	Normal
Vietnam	Mixed (1)	Mixed (1)	Mixed (1)	Normal	Normal	Normal

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Additional Information:

(1) Note: Cold in the south, normal elsewhere
(2) Note: Normal, but very dry in the southeast
(3) Note: Cool in the far south
(4) Note: Wet or very wet in parts of the south, else normal
(5) Note: Normal or cool in central China
(6) Note: Wet in central China and parts of southeast, else normal

Current Status – Southeastern Asia / Indonesia

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	January	February	March	January	February	March
Indonesia	Mixed (1)	Mixed (1)	Hot	Mixed (2)	Normal	Normal
Papua New Guinea	Hot	Hot	Hot	Very Dry	Mixed (3)	Wet
Timor-Leste	Hot	Hot	Hot	Normal	Normal	Normal

Notes:

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* Region usually experiences less than 10mm/month rainfall during the month (dry season).

Additional Information:

(1) Note: Large variations; many areas hot
(2) Note: Wet or very wet in the northwest, else normal
(3) Note: Normal or dry in the west, very wet in the east

Outlooks

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Central Asia

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Outlooks for months 4 to 6:

As forecast uncertainty generally increases with longer range **the 4-6-month outlook is less reliable than the 1-3 month outlook**. Outlook information will only be provided when the model data signals likely outcomes. Additionally, the longer range outlook utilises fewer models because not all seasonal models are available for the extended range.

Information provided in this presentation should be used to raise early awareness of potential hazards only and should be updated with the 3-month outlook when available.

Climatological odds:

A forecast is only provided in the outlooks where there is information in the model data about likely outcomes. Therefore, where the likelihoods for above-, near- and below- normal conditions are evenly balanced the phrase 'climatological odds' will be used. This means the outcome could fall anywhere within the possible climatological range. Near-normal conditions should not necessarily be assumed, and users should update with shorter-term forecasts when available.

Outlook: May to October – Central Asia

		Forecast summary		
		May	May to July	August to October
Afghanistan	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal
Tajikistan	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be drier than normal	Likely to be drier than normal	Likely to be drier than normal
Kyrgyzstan	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be drier than normal	Likely to be drier than normal	Likely to be drier than normal

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Outlook: May to October – Southern Asia (1)

		Forecast summary		
		May	May to July	August to October
Pakistan	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	Likely to be warmer than normal	Likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
India	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	Mixed	Climatological odds
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Nepal	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	Climatological odds	Likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal	Likely to be wetter than normal

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Outlook: May to October – Southern Asia (2)

		Forecast summary		
		May	May to July	August to October
Bangladesh	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	Likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal	Climatological odds
Sri Lanka	*Temperature*	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal	Climatological odds

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Outlook: May to October – SE Asian Peninsula

		Forecast summary		
		May	May to July	August to October
China	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal far southwest and far northeast, else Climatological odds	Climatological odds
Myanmar	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Climatological odds	Climatological odds
Vietnam	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Likely to be drier than normal south, Climatological odds north	Climatological odds

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Outlook: May to October – SE Asia / Indonesia

		Forecast summary		
		May	May to July	August to October
Indonesia	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	**Likely to be drier than normal** west, **Likely to be wetter than normal** east	Likely to be near-normal west, **Likely to be wetter than normal east**	Likely to be wetter than normal
Papua New Guinea	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	**Likely to be wetter than normal**	**Likely to be wetter than normal**	Likely to be wetter than normal
Timor-Leste	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	**Likely to be wetter than normal**	Likely to be wetter than normal

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Annex 1 – Supplemental Information

For further information

WMO Lead Centre for Long-Range Forecast Multi-Model Ensemble (LC-LRFMME)
https://www.wmolc.org/

International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI)
http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/

NOAA El Niño technical info
https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/enso/

Met Office
https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/services/government/international-development

Climate Outlook Fora (WMO Factsheet), including:

The South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF) http://www.imdpune.gov.in/Clim_RCC_LRF/Index.html
Latest Output (September 2022) - http://sahfhydromet.rimes.int/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Enhanced-SCOS-SASCOF-23-JJAS.pdf

Technical notes

The WMO lead centre for long-range forecast multi-model ensemble (LC-LRFMME) produce a probabilistic multi-model mean forecast product in which the multi-model mean is based on uncalibrated model output with a model weighting system that accounts for errors in both the forecast probability and ensemble mean. The method used by LC-LRFMME separately computes a probabilistic forecast and calculates tercile probabilities with respect to climatology for each individual model, before creating the weighted multi-model mean. In seasonal prediction, shifts in the tercile probabilities are always closely associated with the shifts in the probability of extremes, and we can use the probability of terciles to provide information on the likelihood of above- or below- normal conditions. The thresholds used in the forecast summaries are defined below.

Seasonal forecasts rely on the aspects of the global weather and climate system that are more predictable, such as tropical sea-surface temperatures or the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO). However, whilst such forecasts may be able to show what is more or less likely to occur, they acknowledge that other outcomes are possible.

In addition, forecast uncertainty generally increases with longer range so the 6-month outlook is less reliable. It is also based on less information, because not all models are available to this range. Therefore the information presented here should be used to raise early awareness of potential hazards, and should be updated with the 3-month outlook when available.

In the report and tables precipitation is referred to as rainfall but in fact encompasses any form of water, liquid or solid, falling from the sky. Temperatures are the (2 metre) near-surface temperature.

Description	Definition
Much more likely to be below normal	When probability of lower tercile > 70%
More likely to be below normal	When probability of lower tercile is 40-70%
Likely to be near-normal	When probability of middle tercile is 40-70%
Much more likely to be near-normal	When probability of middle tercile > 70%
Likely to be above normal	When probability of upper tercile is 40-70%
Much more likely to be above normal	When probability of upper tercile > 70%
Climatological odds	When probabilities for all categories are roughly 33%

Global Producing Centres (GPC) forecasts used by WMO LC-LRFMME:

- GPC CPTEC (INPE),
- GPC ECMWF,
- GPC Exeter (Met Office),
- GPC Melbourne (BOM),
- GPC Montreal (CMC),
- GPC Moscow (Hydromet Centre of Russia),
- GPC Offenbach (DWD),
- GPC Pretoria (SAWS),
- GPC Seoul (KMA),
- GPC Tokyo (JMA),
- GPC Toulouse (Meteo France),
- GPC Washington (NCEP)

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